

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRIORITIZING PRINT JOBS FROM MULTIPLE PRINTER INPUT CHANNELS

ABSTRACT

A system, apparatus and method for dictating the order that print jobs
5 received over multiple data channels are printed. A priority value is assigned to
each data channel that receives print jobs. The priority value of the data channel is
imparted to each of the print jobs received via its respective data channel. The
relative priorities of the print jobs is determined, and the print jobs are printed in an
order corresponding to their relative priority values.